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Following are comments on the Draft Grant Guidelines & Application for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. These comments were compiled from departments within the City of San Diego, including the City Planning and Community Investment Department, and the Park and Recreation Department.

- III. Additional Requirements – This section is very loosely defined. The entire section is scored at 55 possible points, but it is unclear how the points will be earned – is it possible the total of 55 points will be awarded if one of the requirements is completely met? Or is each of the 11 requirements worth 5 points? Please refine this section.
- V. Grant Awards – A maximum of \$1 million per award is too low – suggest increasing maximum to \$2 million.
- Definition of “Entity”
  - A large city such as the city of San Diego with multiple departments and planning responsibilities should be considered eligible for multiple applications.
- A higher grant award should be considered for larger entities, based on population. Therefore, a large city such as San Diego or LA would be eligible to receive a larger award.
- In order to meet the priorities and requirements set by the Council, we suggest awarding a higher percentage (eg. 60%) of the funding to cities with populations of over 1 million.
- Define how metrics and performance standards will be rated.
- Proposals should compete for funding within categories – so a park master plan would compete against other park master plans vs competing against infrastructure improvement plans, or transportation plans.

Thank you for considering our comments and suggestions for refining the guidelines. We look forward to the final guidelines and making application for the funding.

Carol Wood, Grants Administrator  
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